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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee Chairs

From: Representative Kitty Toll, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

Date: January 18, 2017

Subject: Government Accountability and the State Budget

The Speaker has outlined in her initial address, the importance of government accountability. Therefore, the House Committee on Appropriations is looking forward to the continuation of the good work policy committees started last year through its evaluation and prioritization of programs and spending while inquiring:

- 1. How much did we do?*
- 2. How well did we do it?*
- 3. Is anyone better off?*

Once again, we are asking Committee Chairs to designate a liaison to work with assigned budget [reporters](#) from the House Committee on Appropriations. We are committed to creating a budget process that is transparent and inclusive.

Following the Governor's Budget Address held on January 24th, and as soon as materials are made available, the fiscal staff will send policy committees the Administration's proposed FY2018 State budget. Additionally, please expect to receive a letter identifying specific budget sections and language under your jurisdiction for consideration. We look forward to your feedback as well as any alternative proposals.